Reimbursement of Money spent by Punjab Government on Upgradationof NHs

3928. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large amount of money already spent by the State of Punjab on the upgradation/maintenance of National Highways is to be reimbursed by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, by when this amount will be reimbursed to the State Government of Punjab ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 2488.59 lacs spent by the Punjab State on the upgradation/maintenance of National Highways pertaining to the years 1992-93 to 1/2000, has not been reimbursed due to non settlement of the observations raised by the Pay & Account Officer, Chandigarh and will be reimbursed in a phased manner from annual allocation of funds made to the State as and when the observations raised are complied with by the State Government.

Declaration of Ropar-Kathua Highway as National Highway

3929. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to declare Ropar-Hoshiarpur-Dasuya-Mukerian-Gurdaspur-Kathua as National Highway; and

(b) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Disputes on Corporatisation of Ports

3930. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any serious differences of opinion cropped up between his Ministry and the Ministry of Finance over the way the ownership of land at the